Joint Venture between IBP and Caltex

3444. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Public Sector IBP Limited and the U.S.—based petroleum multinational Caltex to set up a joint venture to manufacture, greases and lubricants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) (1) Paid up capital of the new joint Venture Company will be Rs. 20 crores of which 51% will be contributed by Caltex and/or Caltex subsidiary and 49% by IBP and/or nominees including employees of the company.

(2) The products manufactured by the joint Venture Company will be marketed by JVC directly and through IBP.

(3) Technology will be provided by Caltex to the JVC. Caltex Logo and Brand name will be allowed to be used by JVC.

Amount of Natural Gas Flared up Continuously in Assam

3445. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of Natural Gas (in cubic metres) flared up continuosly in the three refineries in Assam during the current year, month-wise;

(b) what is the value in terms of money per month of the Natural Gas so flared up; and

(c) whether Government have any concrete schemes for profitable utilisation of the said natural Gas which have so far been wasted?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Refineries do not flare natural gas.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

तेल उद्योग विकास बोर्ड द्वारा वित्तीय संस्थानों में जमा की गई धनराशि

3446. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह:
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:
डा० श्रीकान्त रामचन्द्र जिचकर:
श्री वी० राजेश्वर राव:
श्री प्रमोद महाजन:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल उद्योग विकास बोर्ड, तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग तथा भारतीय तेल निगम ने पिछले तीन वर्ष तथा चालू वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय और विदेशी वित्तीय संस्थाओं में अपनी अतिरिक्त धनराशि जमा की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन वित्तीय संस्थाओं के नाम क्या है और उनमें जमा कराई गई धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा ये धनराशियां कितनी अवधि के लिए जमा की गई हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कुछ वित्तीय संस्थाओं ने उनकी राशि का अभी तक वापस भुगतान नहीं किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपर्युक्त जमा राशि के वापस न किये जाने के कारण सरकार को उन्हें हुए घाटों के परिणामस्वरूप हाल ही में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करनी पड़ी थी;

(च) सितम्बर, 1992 के अंत में तेल उद्योग विकास बोर्ड के खाते में कुल कितनी राशि जमा थी; और

(छ) इस धनराशि को देश के तेल उत्पादक परियोजनाओं में निवेशित न किये जाने के क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) जी नहीं।

(च) और (छ) 30.9.92 की स्थिति के अनुसार, तेल से संबंधित परियोजनाओं को वित्त प्रदान करने के लिए ओ आई डी बी के पास 907.92 करोड़ रुपये उपलब्ध थे, जिनका उपयोग तब किया जाना है जब योग्य और अनुमोदित परियोजनाएं सहायता के लिए रखी जाएं।

Gas Production in the Country

3447. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total gas production in the country;

(b) what quantity of Natural Gas is produced from Bombay and how much quantity is flared up annually;

(c) whether Chief Minister of Maharashtra discussed with Prime Minister of India for setting up second gas terminal at USAR; and

(d) what is the progress thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Approximately 51 MMSCMD of natural gas during 1991-92.

(b) Approximately 39 MMSCMD of gas in 1991-92 was produced in the Western offshore against which approximately 8 MMSCMD was flared.

(c) and (d) Government have approved in principle the concept of a gas pipeline from the Western offshore to the Southern Region from a suitable landfall point on the Western Coast.

Foreign Suppliers for the supply of Seamless pipes

3448. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has favoured foreign suppliers for the supply of seamless pipes to the exclusion of highly competitive domestic producers; and

(b) if so what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Use of gas in Western off-shore

3449. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to establish an independent company with appropriate private sector participation for ansuring development and implementation of the most economical scheme for use of the gas at present being flared in Western off-shore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have proposed to bring 30 MMSCMD of gas to a new land-fall point, Usar, for supply of gas to industries in the Konkan region.

(c) Government has approved in principle the concept of a gas pipeline